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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a resident of Santa Cruz, CA, now retired, and work on many consulting and volunteer projects from home. Internet access - the faster the better - is critical to my lifestyle and livelihood. I subscribe to a locally owned ISP that caters to local residents with plenty of services and competitive rates. This ISP is currently building out a broadband network in this community without government funding. I want to continue to have the choice to keep my current ISP, and I oppose any arbitrary price hikes that might result if competition is reduced in the data transfer and telephone services arena.

Thanks,

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